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ITDC Hotels

*464. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO:
SHRI RAM BADAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to privatise the hotels run by ITDC';

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with reputed foreign hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner.

Demand and Supply of Energy

*465. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTTIONAL, ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between demand and supply of energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps during the last two years in economisinng the use of energy in order to bridge this gap; and

(d) if so, the total energy saved during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). During the period April, 1991-February, 1992, the energy requirement in the country was 262799 million units against which the availability was 242367 million units which represents a shortfall of 7.8%.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Most projects are being executed on a decentralised basis and hance savings cannot be quantified. However, UNDP project has estimated the energy saving potential as Rs. 37.98 Crores per annum in the 45 units audited by the project. Similarly the Indo-EC programme have projected a saving potential of Rs. 7 Crores per annum in small and medium scale industries studied under the programme.

[*Translation*]

Employment by BALCO

*466. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local people of the area are not being provided employment by the Bharat Aluminum Company Limited;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to set up any cell for providing employment to the local

people of Bilaspur area in Madhya Pradesh, and

(c) the details of the people belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward classes provided employment in BALCO during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Details of employment provided by BALCO during the period 1989-91 are shown below -

	Total	*SC*	*ST*	*Others*
Group A	21	5	3	13
Group B		-		
Group C	29	7	16	6
Group D	48	12	9	27
	98	24	28	46

[*English*]

Drive to attract Foreign Tourists

*467 SHRI R SURENDER REDDY. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether a record number of foreign tourists visited India during January and February 1992,

(b) if so the details thereof

(c) whether the Government have launched a massive drive to attract foreign tourists to India during the coming summer months and the target set therefor

(d) if so the details of the special packages that are being prepared jointly by the airlines, hotels and travel agencies, and

(e) the foreign exchange likely to be earned thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) The number of foreign tounsts who visisted India during January and February, 1992 were 1,77,475 and 1,67,268 respectively and recorded increase of 23 1% and 46 0% over the same months of the previous year

(c) A publicity programme on summer package is being evolved in addition to the regular publicity efforts The number of foreign tounsts who are expected to visit India during April to September 1992 are 7,60 188

(d) The package would be offered at uniform competitive prices during April to September for three years from 1992 in Europe and United States.